



South Tyneside College



MINI GUIDE

ONE SIMPLE CHOICE
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BIG DECISION

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FE COLLEGE OF
THE YEAR 2017

STUDENT EXPERIENCE
OF THE YEAR 2017

Why choose us?

In 2017, we were nationally recognised as **FE College of the Year** and **Overall FE provider of the Year (TES FE Awards)** and awarded **Student Experience of the Year** (Educate North Awards).

Awards like these recognise our **high-quality teaching** and learning, rich and varied range of courses, **first-class facilities** and the passion and dedication of our lecturers.

We are confident that enrolling with us will bring your future instantly within reach, with **great courses and study opportunities** matched by a learning environment that inspires you to success. We have invested heavily to ensure we can offer our students the very best of what they need to succeed.

From where you learn to how you learn, we support you every step of the way, and a great campus life means you can **flourish both inside and outside the classroom**, find your feet as an adult and learn in a grown-up setting, where there are **no limits** to what you can achieve.

OFSTED
RATED **GOOD**



Winner
FE College
of the year

Winner
Overall FE provider
of the year

VOCATIONAL STUDY

PRACTICAL + KNOWLEDGE =
SPECIFIC JOB SKILLS

What is vocational study?

Vocational means work-related. In other words, **learning the skills** employers are looking for and being able to carry them out to the standard an employer expects.

By **developing practical skills** and the underpinning knowledge to use them, you'll be work ready and a much more appealing candidate to an employer. Put simply, you'll find it **easier to get a job**.

- **Level 1** - Covers the basics, builds confidence and prepares you for further learning
- **Level 2** - Equivalent to grade A* to C at GCSE
- **Level 3** - A level standard
- **Level 4 & 5** - HNC /HND /Foundation Degree
- **Level 6** - Honours Degree

Qualification	Equivalent
BTEC Level 2	
Certificate	1 GCSE (A* - C)
Extended Certificate	2 GCSEs (A* - C)
Diploma	4 GCSEs (A* - C)

Qualification	Equivalent
BTEC Level 3	
Certificate	1 AS Level
Subsidiary Certificate or Diploma	1 A Level 2 A Levels
Extended Diploma	3 A Levels

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Full time study programmes

Learn real job skills

If you want to **approach learning in a new way**, enjoy a different experience or roll your sleeves up and dive straight in, then a **vocational course could be right for you.**

Vocational learning will give you **a head start when applying for jobs**, as you'll already have the skills employers are looking for. If you study at level 3, you'll also have the qualification you need if you want to **progress on to Higher Education.**

STAND OUT
FROM THE CROWD



New subjects for 2017

Activity Leadership and Leisure	Forensic Science	Preparation for Marine Pre-Cadetship
Construction Skills / Trade Tasters	Performing Arts	

Current subject list

Applied Science	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Motor Vehicle - Service Repair, Body and Paint
Art - Digital and Visual	Electrical Installation	Music - Performance and Technology
Barbering	Fabrication and Welding	South Shields Marine School: Pre-Cadetship Programmes for Deck and Engineering
Beauty Therapy	Hairdressing	
Computer Science and Software Development	Health and Social Care	Sport
Creative Digital Media Production	Hospitality and Catering	Supported Learning
Creative Digital Games Development	Interface (Autism Specialist Provision)	Teaching Assistant
Criminology	Manufacturing	Uniformed / Public Services
Early Years (Childcare)	Mechanical Engineering	

APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

WORK EXPERIENCE + STUDY =
A SALARY & SKILLS

Unlimited prospects

An apprenticeship gives you the opportunity to work for an employer, earn **a salary AND get a qualification**.

Our apprenticeships are delivered with employers so you can be sure you are learning the skills employers need and **getting real work experience** as you work towards your qualification. Apprenticeships are suitable for a range of levels and abilities – you can even study to degree level.

How much can you earn?

The minimum wage for apprentices is **£3.50 per hour** for the first year, though many employers pay more. **After the first year** this rises to the national minimum wage for your age, if you are 19 or older.

Apprentices work a minimum of **30 hours per week** and are entitled to **20 days of paid holidays** a year, as well as bank holidays.

What are the benefits?

- Complete qualifications and training while being paid and receiving the same benefits as your work colleagues
- Develop the working knowledge and practical skills to prepare you for your chosen career
- Work with experts who understand the industry you have chosen and have experience they can pass on to you
- Spend time working with people of all ages and abilities, develop your confidence and communication skills



More apprenticeship benefits

- Superb support from our dedicated team throughout your apprenticeship
- Make full use of the facilities of the college and train on industry standard equipment by subject specialists
- Gain qualifications that will help you to progress in your career of choice and / or progression onto Higher Education.

New subjects for 2017

Business Improvement Techniques	Graphic Design	Retail
Computing	Management and Team Leading	Social Media
Digital Marketing	Manufacturing	Telesales
Driving Goods Vehicles (LGV)	Port Operations	Warehouse and Storage

Current subject list

Accounting	Electrotechnical	Motor Vehicle Body and Paint
Barbering	Engineering	Marketing
Beauty	Engineering Maintenance	Motor Vehicle Maintenance
Business Administration	Fabrication and Welding	Sport
Contact Centre	Hairdressing	Teaching Assistants
Customer Services	Health and Social Care	
Early Years (childcare)	Hospitality and Catering	

Case study

JAK COSTELLO AGE 18

Thanks to our **close employer links**, we were the first to know about a prized apprenticeship in the body shop at the Mercedes-Benz dealership in Newcastle, which is operated by Sytner North East, part of Sytner Group, who represent 19 of the world's most desirable car manufacturers in over 100 dealerships across the UK.

Jak is now learning to polish, paint and prepare the illustrious marque, and learning a full package of professional skills that will set him up for life.

Mercedes-Benz Apprenticeship

He said: *"Mercedes' reputation for quality is well known, and I didn't need any persuasion to grab this great opportunity. I can highly recommend the work the college does around apprenticeships. I now have a hugely promising future."*

At the end of his two-year apprenticeship, **Jak is expected to become a permanent employee** at the dealership, a perfect example of how one of our high-quality apprenticeships can make a real difference to someone with the ambition to work hard and do well for themselves.

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ALL THE WORK THE COLLEGE
DOES WITH APPRENTICESHIPS"



WHAT
ELSE?

OTHER SKILLS
YOU'LL PICK UP

Functional skills and GCSEs

If you choose to study with us, you'll also work towards a **nationally recognised functional skills** qualification as part of your course.

Functional skills cover **English, maths and ICT** - this means that even if you don't achieve the grades you want at GCSE, you will still work towards a qualification in these areas.

You may not realise it but you use functional skills every day - working out your finances, looking on the internet, reading instructions - the list is almost endless. **Employers highly value functional skills**, they show you are not just work ready but life ready. In other words, functional skills help to make you employable!



ENGLISH MATHS
& ICT SKILLS WE USE
IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Work experience

You've studied hard, got the grades and the crucial qualification, but you've just been gazumped in the job market by **the candidate with more experience.**

Work experience is crucial - not only can you make sure you've made the right career choice before it's too late, but it gives you the valuable experience that every employer is looking for. Employers want to know **you can handle the world of work**, an environment totally different to studying at school.

We will make sure you get the opportunity of **real work experience** when you enrol on a course with us. From coping with longer working hours to communicating on different levels, **the experience you gain** in a work environment demonstrates that **you can handle work**, pressure and a variety of situations.



Work experience will help to make you...

RELIABLE KNOWLEDGEABLE

TALENTED SKILLED

CONFIDENT

CAPABLE MATURE

MOTIVATED EXPERIENCED

TRUSTED

LIFE ON CAMPUS

EXTRA STUFF TO MAKE
EVERY DAY GREAT

Student life

We want to make your whole experience with us different.

You can join our Student Union, take part in entrepreneurial projects and activities in our hub and commercial outlets, compete in charity, sport and other challenges, or be part of our student social ambassador network - get involved as much or as little as you want! Either way, you'll soon discover there is a real buzz around campus. **There are also lots of other perks!**



TREAT YOURSELF...

Our hair and beauty salon offers **the latest cuts**, colours and beauty treatments at massively discounted prices. Our partnership with celebrity stylist **Lee Stafford**, means our staff and students are trained to the highest standards, to give your look the **cutting edge**. We've also got our own barber shop for male grooming.



GRAB A BITE...

Catch up over a latte at **Costa Coffee**, grab breakfast or lunch in our 'Eat' refectory, or have something special at our **Bistro 150** commercial restaurant, where our talented catering students will **serve you posh nosh** for a fraction of restaurant prices.



STAY IN SHAPE...

No need to go to expensive gyms when we've got our **Lifestyle Centre on campus**. With a new work-out studio and a full timetable of classes, there's more than enough to get your heart pumping. What's more, our student membership means **there's more money in your pocket** for other things!

WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY

THE REALITY OF STUDYING AT
SOUTH TYNESIDE

ALEX ROBSON

AGE 17

Certificate in
Engineering
Level 2

“ I knew I didn’t want to do **A levels** at school, but I wasn’t sure what else was open to me. I went to an open night at South Tyneside College and spoke to lecturing staff, who took me on a **tour of the workshops** and told me all about the courses on offer. The open night was very interactive and I got the chance to take part in an engineering activity, which sealed the deal for me.

All of my lecturers have worked in the engineering industry, and I’ve learnt so much from them. If you’re thinking about **a career in engineering**, or just want a different kind of learning experience - get yourself to South Tyneside College. ”

“ I choose to study at South Tyneside College **because of the freedom it offers me**, not just in how I learn but in expressing my creativity, getting hands on experience and learning valuable skills - not just for my career, but **for everyday life**.

The facilities and lecturers at the college are truly fantastic!

For anyone thinking of studying at South Tyneside College, be prepared to have one of the best experiences of your life. I know that when I come to leave the college with my qualifications, I’ll be **ready to start my career**, with the world at my fingertips. ”

LUCY NICHOLAIDIS

AGE 16

Media Diploma
Level 3

MORE INFO

OTHER BITS YOU
NEED TO KNOW

GCSE grading

It's changing from 2017. Here's what you need to know...

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CURRENT GRADING
STRUCTURE

NEW GRADING
STRUCTURE

A*	9
A	8
B	7
B	6
B	5
C	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
U	U

5+
GOOD PASS
top of C and above (DFE)

4↓
AWARDING
bottom of C and below

NEXT STEPS

WHEN, WHERE & HOW TO
PUSH THINGS FORWARD

Free up your diary

Our open nights are a great way to experience exactly what we have to offer.

Take a tour of the campus, discuss your options with our lecturers and industry experts, **get involved** in practical demonstrations and find out more about life at college. If you decide to join us - and we hope you do - you can **apply for a course**, there and then.

Our **advice nights** are from 5pm to 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month, at our **Westoe campus** in St. George's Avenue, South Shields.

Check out **www.stc.ac.uk** for dates, times and directions, or call Student Services on **0191 427 3900**

Important dates to know:

Advice days

Every Tuesday 18th July -
22nd August (10am-4pm)

HE advice day

18th August (10am-4pm)

Enrolment

24th and 25th August (10am-4pm)

29th August – 15th September
(10am-7pm Mon-Thur, 10am-4pm Fri)



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